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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION in App. Ser. No. 10/524,710**

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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the final Office Action mailed on August 6, 2008, wherein the Examiner maintained the rejection of Claim 1 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by admitted prior art.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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